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Dear Sirs:

Re: RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

United States Patent Application No. 09/643,755

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Title: Commercial Production of Chymosin in Plants

Inventors: Gijs van Rooijen, Richard Glenn Keon, Yin Shen and Joseph Boothe

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Examiner: Georgia L. Helmer

The present letter is filed in response to the office action dated September 3, 2002. Applicant is simultaneously submitting a petition for a one month extension of time rendering the deadline for response January 3, 2003.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, lines 3-5 as follows:

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